missioned and the balance is expected i to be commissioned by 1989-90. Various other measures to improve the availability of power in Orissa, include optimum utilisation of the existing capacity, reduction in transmission and distribution losses and early implementation of centrally sponsored Renovation and modernisation scheme at Talcher Thermal Power Station. To the extent possible, assistance is also provided to Orissa from the Farakka and Chukha Power Stations as well as from the neighbouring systems.

Seminar on Financial performance of State Electricity Boards

2947. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

fa) whether a Seminar on Financial Performance of the State Electricity Boards was held in New Delhi during the third week of February, 1989 as reported in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 22ndi February, 1989-

(b) if so, what are the names of the personnel who participated in th» Seminar;

(c) what are the recommendations \ mads at the seminar; and

(d) what action Government propose to take or have taken thereon? I

THE MTNTST.ER OF STATE IN i THE DFPA^TMENT OF POWER IN THE MTNTSTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(V) The Seminar on financial ner-formance of thR State Electricitv j Boards, organiser! io:"t1.. bv +^e Power Finanre Cornoration (PFC> and the Tata Energy Rese^r^h Institute on 20-21 February, 1989 in New Delhi, was attended by representatives of the State Electricity Boardsj State Governments, Deparments of Power and Economic Affairs, Planning Commission, Central Electricity Authority, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Central Sector Power Corporation and other inst tutions and experts associated with the power sector.

(c) and (d) The broad conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar related to the role of SEBs in the power sector, resource mobilization, technical performance including reduction of energy losses, load and grid management, strengthening of financial management, payment of subsides, arrangements for resolving I consumer disputes, technology choices etc. These have been circulated to the State Electricity Boards.

Coal handling plants of Western Coal Fields Limited

2948. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: W'll the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Coalfields Limited has commissioned some coal handling plants; and

(b) if so, the cost and capacity of those plants?

THE MINISTER nF ENERGY (SHRT VASANT SATHE); (a) and 'bi fourteen coal handling plants and eighteen mdni coal hanlding plants wit!-! a total canacity of 16.94 million tonne? Tier annum were commissioned in Western Coa'fields Limited up-tr, mo7.«R nixing 19R8-R9. three more coal hanlding plants have been commissioned in Western Coalfields Limited as per details given below:—

S.No.	Name of the Project	Cannci'v (in million tonnes)	*Cn*** (Rupees in lakhs)
1	Shobhapur Underground New	1 00	1^8 47
2	Majri Phase-II	1.00	238 00 (Including Phase-I)
3	Durgapur Opencast	2.00	427.00